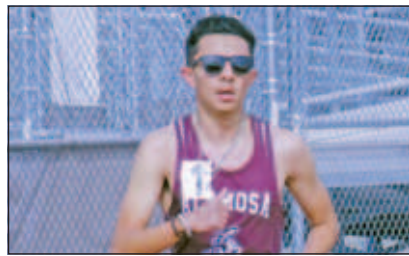




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Unfortunately, like most businesses these days, your Valley Courier and the SLV's weekly publications rely on technology to bring your print publication to you on time. Fortunately, we have online resources that allow you to still access our updates.

A key piece of pre-press equipment chose Monday to not allow us to complete the printing process. This \$50,000 piece of equipment will require parts and possibly a technician to correct the problem.

Outside printing operations have diminished with the state of our industry, so options within driving distance are not an option for now. The Salida newspaper can assist us some with our tabloid weekly publications but are unable to print the Courier due to its dimensions. The only other printing operation left in Southern Colorado is Pagosa Springs, and they too only print tabloid size.

We will do everything in our power to correct these issues as soon as possible, but for now we are making www.alamosanews.com and our online E Edition available to all. Go to the home page and click on the E Edition button at the top right or go to the menu button at top left, then scroll down to E Edition towards the bottom of the menu to see that day's complete edition.

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Sincerely, Keith R. Cerny Publisher

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# AFD Fire Chief announces intention to return to Idaho

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER  
Courier Reporter

ALAMOSA — According to Alamosa City Manager Heather Sanchez, Alamosa Fire Department (AFD) Fire Chief Bill Stone has notified the city of his intention to move back to his home state of Idaho, at which time he will submit his resignation from his position.

The exact date of that resignation is yet to be determined, as it is dependent upon several factors. First, Stone plans to

sell his house, "which could take anywhere from four months to a year." The second factor involves the city hiring a new fire chief.

"[Chief Stone] plans to be here in Alamosa until the new chief starts so that there are not any bumps in the process," Sanchez told the Courier.

Stone was hired as AFD's Fire Chief on Oct. 17, 2022, following the resignation of former AFD Fire Chief Don Chapman who retired after 17 years in the department.

Before coming to Alamosa, Stone's firefighting career spanned over two decades, starting as a firefighter in Boise, Idaho from April 1, 1991 to April 13, 2012. Stone left that job to take an administrative position as the Division Chief of Training with the Eagle, Idaho Fire Department where he served from April 2012 to June 2017.

Stone was in retirement until 2022 when he accepted a job with Alamosa as the new chief.

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Alamosa Fire Department Fire Chief Bill Stone

# Alamosa murals share the love of the Valley

By JOHN WATERS  
Courier News Editor

ALAMOSA — About 50 people turned out for the unveiling of 13 murals on Saturday at the Colorado Visitor Center in Alamosa.

The festivities began with the unveiling of a heart-shaped work, "We Love our National Park," by artist Casey McCoy, who said, "You can't spell heart without art." McCoy told those gathered that as a child he was struck by a mural he saw of the Valley and said, "I remember when I was little I told myself, 'I want to create something great like that someday.'" Moments later he and Kale Mortensen, executive director with Visit Alamosa, unveiled his artwork.

Elizabeth Sumner with Visit Alamosa, said that while there are week-long celebrations of national parks throughout the country, Alamosa celebrates our national park for the entire month of April. The "Share the Love Community Mural Project," is led by artists Katie Dokson and Bianca Maestas.

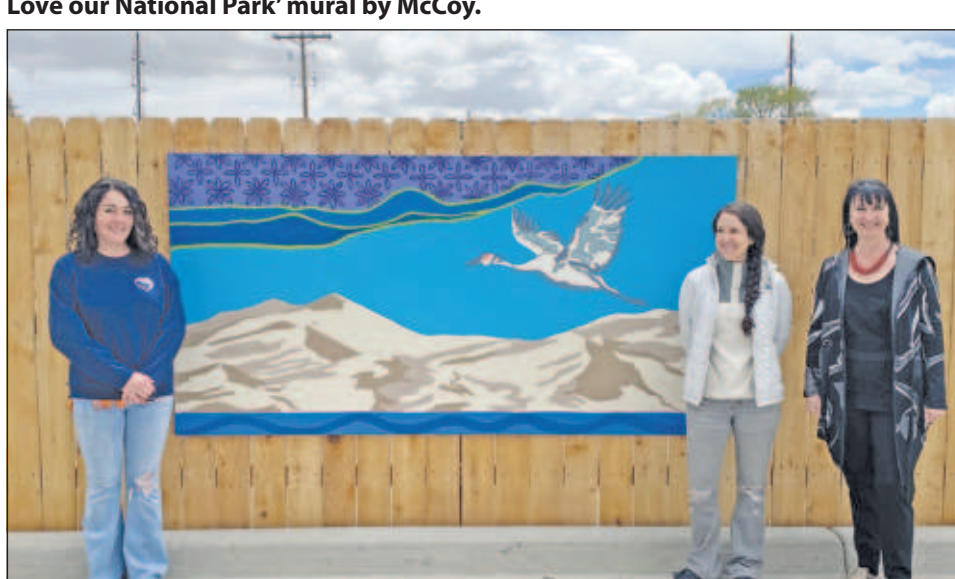
Great Sand Dunes

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Courier photos by John Waters

Local artist Casey McCoy and Kale Mortensen with Visit Alamosa unveiled the 'We Love our National Park' mural by McCoy.



Beth Sumner (left) is pictured with artists Katie Dokson and Bianca Maestas with an unnamed mural the artists painted.



Suzanne Mophew

# Autopsy reveals Mophew died by homicide

STAFF REPORT

SALIDA — The autopsy report of Suzanne Mophew is complete and determined her death to be "Homicide by undetermined means in the setting of butorphanol, azaperone, and medetomidine intoxication," according to a statement released by the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

According to the National Institutes of Health Library of Medicine, butorphanol is a synthetic opioid painkiller, azaperone is a sedative used as a tranquilizer for pigs and elephants, and medetomidine is used by veterinarians to sedate and provide pain relief for dogs.

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# New report gives demographic snapshot of SLV

CONTRIBUTED

ALAMOSA — The 2024 San Luis Valley Statistical Profile was released Monday, April 29, by the San Luis Valley Development Resources Group and Council of Governments (SLVDRG).

The annual report provides the latest demographic and economic trends in the San Luis Valley using data from the U.S. Census Bureau, Colorado State Demography Office, and other reliable, public sources

to illustrate changes in population, housing, school enrollment, and labor force.

"Last year's Statistical Profile identified three substantial changes from the previous year's profile that were worth noting," said SLVDRG Regional Grants Navigator Craig Barraclough, who compiled the 2024 regional profile. "Those same three indicators are notable again this year. Median household income for the San Luis

Valley continues to rise. There was an estimated increase of 9.3 percent from 2021 to 2022: \$45,644 to \$49,901."

Median household income is a key indicator of a region's wealth and economic health. An increase is a sign of economic growth. However, the Valley's median household income still lags significantly behind the statewide level of \$87,598.

"Total public-school enrollment for the Val-

ley continues a downward trend. Fall enrollment in grades K-12 in the Valley decreased 6.7 percent from 2019 to 2023," Barraclough noted. "That number compares to last year's report that showed a decline of 9.2 percent for the period 2018 to 2022. Statewide, Colorado's K-12 fall enrollment declined 3.5 percent over the past five years.

"Retail sales in the Valley have shown tremendous growth over

the last five years. For the period 2019 to 2023, retail sales are up by a whopping 42.1 percent," Barraclough said.

Some of the increase in retail sales can be attributed to two factors. The region saw an influx of millions of dollars in relief by the federal government during the pandemic, bolstering business and personal spending during shutdowns. Secondly, the state began collecting

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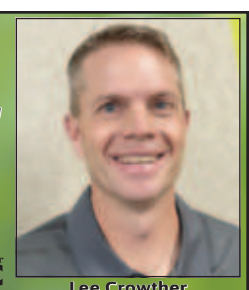
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Lee Crowther

# Record

## OBITUARIES

### Scott Robert Brownlow



Albuquerque, N.M., resident Scott Brownlow passed away on Saturday, April 13, 2024, from cancer. He was born on Saturday, Aug. 6, 1983, in Monte Vista, Colo. He was the son of Robert Brownlow and Cristie Brown Taffin.

After graduating from Sangre de Cristo High School in Mosca, Colo., he attended and graduated from Adams State College in Alamosa, Colo. He continued on to receive his Master's at the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology in Socorro, N.M.

Scott married Joyce in 2003 and before separating they had five children: Elizabeth (Lizzy), Zachary (Zee), Nicholas, Joseph and Wesley.

After earning his Master's degree, Scott worked for the U.S. Forest Service up until his passing. Scott started as an IT Project Manager, a role he excelled at, leading many efforts to modernize the IT infrastructure. Throughout his career, Scott worked his way to Chief Information Office collaboration specialist with expertise in Microsoft SharePoint and

Teams. Scott supported countless site owners through upgrades and migrations through the Microsoft User Group call, an initiative he spearheaded. Scott's commitment to service was also shown by his support to Fire and Aviation management; he served as a liaison between the ASC-CIO and local dispatch units during wildfire incidents. His leadership was instrumental in shaping policies nationwide for incident technology support. His legacy and his commitment to excellence will live on.

Scott's biggest joys in life were his children, computers, and his involvement in wildfire incident management. He took great pride in building each of his children their own desktop for gaming. He also en-

joyed modifying his Tesla Model Y to be able to share his love of nature and the outdoors with his children, taking them on many camping trips in recent years. Scott's love of nature was clearly on display with his love for plants, propagating many different types to the max capacity of the area available to him.

Scott is survived by his five children, mother Cristie Brown Taffin (Mark Taffin), father Robert Brownlow (Melissa Brownlow), sisters Dawnia Smith, and Liz Robinson, two stepsisters, two stepbrothers, one aunt, seven uncles, and numerous cousins and friends.

Scott was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Art and Thurmma Brown and his paternal grandparents Lonnie and Patricia Brownlow.

You are invited to a gathering to remember Scott Brownlow on:

Thursday, May 2, 2024, beginning at 11 a.m.

Elena Gallegos Open Space  
Kiwanis Reservation Area  
7200 Tramway Blvd. NE  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87122

### Joshua Espinosa



#### In Loving Memory of Joshua Espinosa June 11, 1979 - April 17, 2024

With heavy hearts, we bid farewell to Joshua Espinosa, a beloved son, brother, uncle, nephew, cousin, soldier, and friend, who passed away on April 17, 2024, in Colorado Springs, leaving behind a legacy of courage, passion, and unwavering determination.

Joshua's journey was one marked by remarkable achievements and boundless determination. Born on June 11, 1979, Joshua's life was a testament to the power of perseverance and the pursuit of excellence.

Driven by a profound sense of duty and patriotism, Joshua answered the call to serve his country, joining the ranks of the United States Army. As a member of the esteemed 82nd Airborne Division, Joshua distinguished himself as a Jump Expert, embodying the values of honor, integrity, and selflessness.

Beyond his military service, Joshua possessed a deep love for athleticism, finding solace and joy in the pursuit of physical challenges. Whether pounding the pavement in the early hours of dawn or grappling with opponents on the wrestling mat, Joshua approached every endeavor with passion and vigor. His knowledge and

skill as a wrestler earned him recognition as an outstanding athlete, both within the Army and beyond.

In addition to his military and athletic pursuits, Joshua's creative spirit flourished in the realm of graphic animation programming. A graduate of ITT, Joshua's talent and dedication were evident in his work, where he brought imagination to life through his artistic vision.

Joshua is survived by his son DeCarlo Espinosa of Colorado Springs, Colo.; his parents, Sandra Casteneda of Monte Vista, Colo.; Larry (Maria) Espinosa of Center, Colo.; paternal grandparents Mary Ellen (Efrain) Gomez of Center, Colo.; sister Sonya (Pete) Alderete of Calif.; brothers Juan Carlos Espinosa and Christian Espinosa of Center, Colo.; nephew Omar Alderete and niece Quiana Alderete of Calif.; alongside cousins Diego Favila, Felicia Favila, Joe Garcia, Lisa Pena, Gail Kuhns, Shaneen Garcia, Theya Garcia, David Lee Montoya, Mari-sol Garcia, Moses Garcia, Daniela Espinosa, Jerrid Dominguez, Derek Garcia,

Max Garcia, Timara Garcia, Timias Garcia, Timay Garcia, and Timber Garcia; and aunts, uncles, and countless other cousins.

He was preceded in death by his cousin Desi Espinosa; uncles Richard, Johnny, and Bobby Espinosa; maternal grandparents Belen and Carlos Nick Garcia, paternal grandfather Henry Espinosa. As well as many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Though Joshua's time with us was far too short, his memory will forever live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved him. His unwavering courage, infectious laughter, and boundless kindness will be deeply missed but never forgotten.

As we mourn the loss of our beloved Joshua, may we find solace in the cherished memories we shared and the profound impact he made on our lives. Though he may be gone, his spirit will continue to inspire us, guiding us through the days ahead.

Rest in peace, dear Joshua. Your legacy of courage, passion, and love will forever be a beacon of light in our lives. You will be deeply missed!

A memorial service to celebrate Joshua's remarkable life will be held on May 4, 2024, at 11 a.m. at Strohmayr's Funeral Home located on 205 S. Broadway St. Monte Vista, CO, 81144. Burial to follow at Home Lake Veterans Cemetery located at 3749 Sherman Ave., Monte Vista, CO, 81144. Arrangements in care of Strohmayr's Funeral of Monte Vista, Colo.

### Alex Wilfred Martinez



Alex Wilfred Martinez gained his angel wings on April 28, 2024. Alex was born April 8, 1956, to Luis E. Martinez and Margarita E. Salazar in San Antonio, Colo.

Wilfred graduated from Antonito High School in 1975. He attended Adams State College and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in 1979.

Wilfred enjoyed cruising, woodworking, crossword puzzles, fishing, reading, and the time spent with his family. He worked in construction as well as teaching and working as a substitute teacher.

Wilfred is survived by his sisters Evila (Alfred) Gutierrez and Mary Lucero (Ron Garcia); brothers Ernesto (Pauline) Martinez; John (Katy) Marti-

nez; Christopher (Rowena) Martinez; Gary (Karen) Martinez; Roddy (Donna) Martinez. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Wilfred was preceded in death by his parents Luis Martinez and Margarita Salazar; several aunts and uncles as well as nieces and nephews.

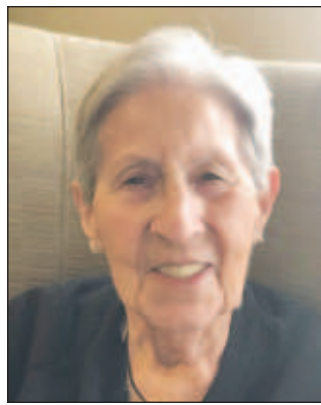
Wilfred was taken from this life too soon and for those of us left behind he leaves a void that will never be filled.

A viewing will be held Wednesday, May 1, 2024, from 12 to 4 p.m. at Romero Family Funeral Home in Antonito, Colo.

Recitation of the rosary mass will be held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Conejos Co on Thursday, May 2, 2024, at 11 a.m. Funeral services will be held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Conejos, Colo., on Thursday May 2, 2024, at 11:30 a.m.

To leave online condolences please visit [romerofuneralhomes.com](http://romerofuneralhomes.com). The care of arrangements has been entrusted to Romero Valley Funeral Home of Alamosa.

### Consuelo (Connie) Maria Lucero



Consuelo (Connie) Maria Lucero formerly of Antonito, Colo., 86, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, April 20, 2024, surrounded by her loving family at Brighton Care Center Brighton, Colo.

Connie is survived by her children, John (Larry) (Marcella) Lucero, Brighton, Colo., Maria (Helen) Lucero, Fort Lupton, Colo., Lillian Lucero, Arvada, Colo., Arnella (Herman) Vigil, Antonito, Colo., Emery (Brenda) Lucero, Fountain, Colo., and Terri Jo Lucero, New Port Beach, Va.; 17 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; six

great-great-grandchildren; siblings Jenny Ruybal, Denver, Colo., and Chris Ruybal, Alamosa, Colo.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents Felix and Fedelia Gonza-

les who raised her parents Juan De Dios and Elena Ruybal; and her son Stanley Ricky Lucero.

A Memorial Service will be held. Cremation has been chosen. A Recitation of the Rosary followed by Memorial Mass on Saturday, June 15, 2024, at 10:30 a.m., at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Church Conejos, Colo.

Inurnment at Las Mesitas Cemetery. Reception to follow at Guadalupe Church Parish Hall.

Our heartfelt thank you to the staff at Brighton Care Center in Brighton, Colo.



## Valley Students receive scholarship awards from SFFF

**CONTRIBUTED**  
**SOUTH FORK** — South Fork Friends Foundation (SFFF) Director Luke Brennan recently announced the recipients of its first-ever scholarship program.

These scholarships were offered to seniors attending Del Norte, Creede, Center, Sargent, and Monte Vista high schools competitively. Five scholarships were originally funded at up to \$2,000 each, but six applications were received, and they were all so remarkable that the SFFF Board of Directors approved the funding of all six.

Each applicant demonstrated academic excellence, community involvement, respect among their peers, teach-

ers, employers, and solid plans for furthering their education at different universities and colleges.

Scholarships were awarded to:

- Kayleigh Sue Haynie, Del Norte High, plans on nursing school then medical school.

- Tiernan King, Creede High School, will attend Colorado State University as a Chemistry major.
- Will Roden, Creede High School, will study Sports Management at Texas Tech University, Lubbock.

- Zachary Romero, Del Norte High School, attending University of Colorado-Boulder as a Business major

- Lane Spearman, Sargent High School, will major in Agriculture at West Texas A&M in Can-

yon, Texas.  
• Lyric Stecken, Creede High School, Biology major at CSU

**School Menu**  
**Tuesday**  
**April 30, 2024**

**BREAKFAST**  
Blueberry Bread  
Fruit & Milk  
**ELEMENTARY**  
Chicken & Waffles  
Steamed Broccoli  
Veggie Bar  
Fruit & Milk  
**MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
Chicken & Waffles  
Steamed Broccoli  
Veggie Bar  
Fruit & Milk  
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### PENDING OBITUARY

#### Jesus Lopez

Alamosa resident Jesus Lopez, 49, passed away April 28, 2024. Arrangements are pending and will be announced through Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa.



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# Valley News

## Radio Free Bassanda performing at Society Hall May 3

**By SOCIETY HALL ALAMOSA** — Society Hall is excited to welcome back world music group Radio Free Bassanda on Friday, May 3, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door, 400 Ross Ave. in Alamosa, and are available at the Green Spot at 711 State Ave. in Alamosa, or online at [www.societyhall.org](http://www.societyhall.org). The concert will also stream live on the Society Hall Facebook page and YouTube channel.

If you're looking for something to rearrange and expand your musical DNA, this show is for you! Founding member Roger Landes is known nationally and internationally as one of the foremost players of the Irish bouzouki in the world, but in Radio Free Bassanda, he and his compatriots venture farther afield into the even more exotic areas around the eastern Medi-

terranean - the Balkans and the Near East.

Says Society Hall board member and area musician and producer Don Richmond, "Radio Free Bassanda emerged out of a community that grew around an annual world music camp called Zoukfest, which was founded by Roger Landes, first in Missouri and then transplanted to New Mexico. It was a melting pot of wild experimentation, improvisation and cross pollination of the two traditions of the bouzouki - Irish and Greek/Turkish, with lots of different scales and even different notes that our western ears aren't used to hearing. Don't miss these guys - they'll blow your mind!"

Radio Free Bassanda's music is a fascinating and adventurous exploration of the sounds of the different cultures of the

region, including music from Greece, Turkey, Bulgaria, Kurdistan, Armenia, North Africa, Medieval Spain, and even New Mexico! The wonderful skill of the players allows for lots of adventurous improvisation as well, providing a mesmerizing listening experience for the audience. The energetic and complex rhythms, together with their dizzying melodic frenzy will challenge both the ear and the feet, and their wide range of repertoire and instrumentation from Eastern and Western traditions provides the musicians with a broad timbral palette with which to hypnotize and transport the listeners.

Taos multi-instrumentalist and RFB band member Chipper Thompson, covering dumbek, darabukka, and zarb, will be familiar to long-time music fans in the Valley, having

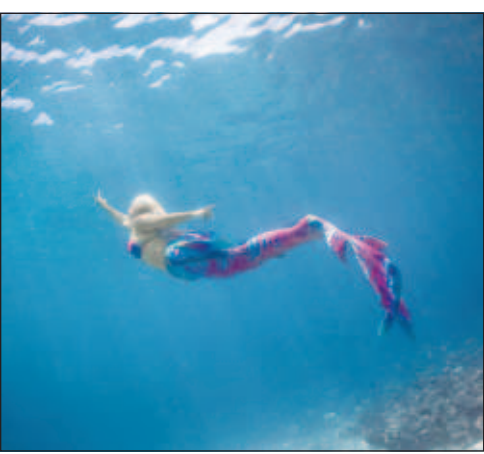


Courtesy photo

**The board of Society Hall, your local non-profit performance space and event venue invite you all to join them for an exciting and fascinating exploration of world music with Radio Free Bassanda on Friday.**

played numerous shows of his own music here over the years. Besides founder Roger Landes on bouzouki and oud, the other band members are Ben Wright on double bass, Jack Boaz on violin, and Jordan Langehenig on clarinet, qanun, gajda, zurna, oud, dulcimer, accordion, and tin whistle.

## Adams State theatre alumna makes waves



Courtesy of Adams State University

**Alumna Chelsea Sturdevant credits the Adams State theatre program for launching her successes, including performing as a mermaid.**

**By JULIE WAECHTER**  
*Special for Adams State*

**ALAMOSA** — When Adams State University theatre alumna Chelsea (Rossetto) Sturdevant '08 moved to Hawaii at the beginning of COVID, performance opportunities were limited. So she began working as an American Sign Language interpreter in public schools, then discovered, "Mermaiding is an actual thing." So she dove in.

This venture, in which performers swim in a costume with a mermaid tail, included becoming PADI (Professional Association of Diving Instructors) certified as a mermaid and mermaid instructor, and advanced scuba and freediving. "I've always been drawn to the water, and my first job was as a life-guard," she added. "This has been an awesome outlet for creativity. I did shows at hotels in Waikiki, at aquariums, and the Honolulu Zoo," she said. Sturdevant also wrote a kids' book, "There's no Such Thing as Mermaids," and produces a podcast, "Save the Mermaids," with her best friend. "It's half science and ocean health,

half ocean mythology," she explained. Sturdevant recently moved to Savannah, Georgia, where her husband, Chris, is stationed with the U.S. Army. She plans to explore the local theater scene and continue mermaiding. For now, she is guiding shark tooth hunting tours on a beach and dolphin tours on a boat. "It's so fun. Finding shark teeth is addicting." She credits Adams State for all she has accomplished. "Attending Adams State was one of the best times in my life. In terms of ASL, the podcast and book, mermaiding - none of that would have happened if I hadn't been a theatre major at Adams State."

## Murals

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National Park and Preserve Superintendent Andrea Compton said, "I'm so glad to be here, we appreciate the invitation from visit Alamosa and this partnership between the whole community, the whole valley, and Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve. "Every day I wake up and marvel at the beauty of this place. I think about the snow-capped mountains in the park and ring the Valley as well... The humming-birds are back."

In other art related national park news, Compton told the Valley Courier that composer Stephen Lias is working on a symphonic work to



Courier photo by John Waters

**After the mural by Casey McCoy was unveiled, volunteers from the gathered audience unveiled the other 12 murals at the same time.**

celebrate the park. Lias has composed several works to honor parks including Rocky Mountain, Denali, and Glacier. Compton said the work is scheduled to premiere in January by the Boulder

Philharmonic. Regarding the mural of a large trout Bianca Maestas worked on she said, "We wanted to focus on animals and landscapes, so we did this fish and as you can see the hook so it

indicates that someone is fishing without having a human background. We wanted to have these elements of nature from throughout the Valley. We have fish, trees, and stars everywhere."

## Autopsy

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"The Colorado Bureau of Investigation and our law enforcement partners understand and appreciate the public interest surrounding this case," said CBI Director Chris Schaefer. "The investiga-

tive team assembled to work this case continues to follow the evidence and only the evidence as we seek justice for Suzanne's death."

Last September, Morphew's remains were found near the town of Moffat in Saguache County while investigators were conducting an

investigation unrelated to her death. She went missing in May 2020. Saguache County is in the 12th Judicial District. The investigative team will continue to consult with Twelfth Judicial District Attorney Anne Kelly.

The autopsy report was shared with the Morphew

family as soon as the coroner received it.

No further information can be shared now, as this remains an active investigation.

Anyone with information can call the Morphew Tip Line at 719-312-7530 or email [cdps\\_suzannemorphew\\_tipline@state.co.us](mailto:cdps_suzannemorphew_tipline@state.co.us).

## Report

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taxes on online retail sales during this period, which enabled tracking of previously unrecorded online sales transactions. Besides illustrating trends over periods of

years, the statistical profile also shows single-year numbers for population, area incomes, poverty rates, and wages.

"Local governments and organizations find the annual San Luis Valley Statistical Profile very helpful because it highlights economic con-

ditions and trends for the entire region," according to SLVDRG Executive Director Sarah Stoerber. "Using this information, public officials, non-profit leaders, and local business owners are able to make better informed decisions for strategic planning, work-

force development and forecasting for future growth. It also shows areas of the local economy that need new or additional investment."

The 2024 San Luis Valley Statistical Profile is available for viewing or download at [www.slv-drg.org](http://www.slv-drg.org).

## Chief

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He is now setting his sights on returning to the Boise area. "We've got three daughters in two different parts of the country, one who just got accepted into Law School at the University of Cincinnati," he says. "So, we anticipate a lot of travel in the near future. I will be back on the many rivers that flow throughout the area and will once again enjoy watching my

wife, Kelli, who is a two-time All-American, doing what she does best, coaching basketball."

During his tenure, Stone had several programs that he wanted to introduce to the Valley. One was the Explorers program, which is completing a successful first year with eight high school students, ages 14-18, who were seeking mentorship, fire experience and a possible vocation choice. "When they graduate in June," Stone says, "they

may join the Alamosa Fire Department or seek a job outside the valley if they so choose. It's a positive way to impact our youth."

Stone's other goal was the creation of a Fire Science degree program through both Adams State and Trinidad State College. "The Adams State/Trinidad College degree program is being built and hopefully will be available in the near future," he says. "There is much work ahead, but it does look promising."

Stone went on to reflect on his time in Alamosa. "I must say, I have never worked for a better City Manager, Mayor or staff of individuals in all of my years. I'd like to thank all who have made this an enjoyable experience."

"I've greatly enjoyed working with Chief Stone," Sanchez told the Valley Courier, "and I feel he has brought a lot to the department." She further stated the city is not planning on advertising for the position until Stone sells his house.

**Important Notice for Landowners: Opportunity to Sell Water Rights to the Rio Grande Water Conservation District**

**What's Happening?**  
Many areas in Colorado rely on groundwater from wells for their irrigation needs. Through Groundwater Management Subdistricts here in the San Luis Valley there have been efforts to reduce the reliance on groundwater, but there's still work to be done!

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The Rio Grande Water Conservation District is taking applications from landowners who meet program criteria and are willing to sell their groundwater rights to the District. Successful applicants will receive payment from this Fund.

**Details and Application:**

- You can find out more and get the program criteria and application form on the District's website at [rgwcd.org](http://rgwcd.org). You can also visit the District's office at 8805 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO, 81101, or by call the office at (719) 589-6301.
- Applications can be submitted beginning on April 22, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. and will end on May 31, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.
- Completed applications can be emailed to [wylie@rgwcd.org](mailto:wylie@rgwcd.org) or dropped off at the District's Office.

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# Lifestyles

## CPW to distribute \$3M to programs increasing youth access to outdoors

By COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE

DENVER – From April 25 to June 4, organizations helping instill a sense of wonder, excitement, and responsibility for the environment in Colorado youth can apply for financial support from the Colorado Outdoor Equity Grant Program (OEGP), which will award \$3 million in Outdoor Equity Grants this December. There is a new two-phase application process in place this year for organizations to apply.

This year, the Outdoor Equity Grant Board asks applicants to submit the preliminary letter of interest form, posted on the OEGP webpage, by June 4 to be considered for funding. Rather than submitting a general letter of interest, applicants should click the link on the webpage and fill out the letter of interest form. Projects and organizations that best align with the funding opportunity will then be asked to submit a longer application, including budget details and more organizational information, in September. With this new process, the board intends to minimize the amount of time and energy that potential applicants invest in applications, due to the competitive nature of the grant program.

The OEGP was created through HB21-1318 sponsored by Representatives Leslie Herod and David Ortiz and Senators Leroy Garcia and Sonya Jaquez Lewis, and works to increase access to outdoor opportunities for all Coloradans. Through funding from the Colorado Lottery, the OEGP has invested over \$5.5 million in grants supporting environmental learning opportunities, outdoor education, exposure to career pathways, public health, and outdoor fun for underserved youth and families. In 2023, the program announced \$2.4 million in grant awards to 37 organizations across the state, which included an additional \$200,000 annual expansion of the program, funded through CPW's Cash Funds.

"We want to help every Coloradan, regardless of background, explore our state's incredible outdoor spaces," said Governor Jared Polis. "With this program, we are breaking down barriers to the outdoors, and cre-

ating a shared sense of belonging and stewardship."

"The Outdoor Equity Grant Program exemplifies our dedication to fostering accessibility and diversity in our outdoor spaces as a mission-critical to CPW," said CPW Director Jeff Davis. "Through this program and our continued commitment to it, we are expanding opportunities for underserved communities while also reaffirming our mission to ensure all Coloradans can experience a connection to the natural world."

Nonprofits, government entities, school districts, for-profits, and federally recognized tribes that wish to increase outdoor access for traditionally excluded youth (including youth from low-income and communities of color, LGBTQ+ youth, youth who are members of Tribal Nations with historical ties to Colorado, and youth with disabilities) can apply for grants for up to \$100,000.

"The type of outdoor programming supported by Outdoor Equity Grants shaped my relationship to the outdoors as someone who was raised in Denver," said Outdoor Equity Grant Board member Krystal Tran. "Outdoor programs developed my leadership skills, fostered a sense of belonging in nature, and ultimately inspired me to join the Outdoor Equity Grant Board. It's crucial for organizations to apply to continue to break down barriers, offer transformative outdoor experiences, and inspire all Colorado youth to see the outdoors as a place where they truly belong."

"I encourage all eligible groups to apply for the Outdoor Equity Grant Program," said Colorado Department of Natural Resources Executive Director Dan Gibbs. "This program resonates deeply with the Department of Natural Resource's mission as we strive to ensure that every Coloradan, regardless of background, can enjoy and benefit from our state's rich natural resources. By supporting diverse

and inclusive outdoor experiences, we not only fulfill our mission but support job training, inspire the next generation of leaders, and enrich the fabric of our communities."

The OEGP Board will accept and review letters of interest from organizations that support outdoor activities and learning for Colorado youth; show cultural competence in working with one or more target populations of the OEGP; demonstrate a commitment to justice, equity, diversity and inclusion; and propose to increase the capacity of the communities they serve in the outdoors and conservation. Organizations that show a deep commitment to and understanding of the youth they serve and that will help cultivate in youth a responsibility for the outdoors will be awarded grants on a competitive basis.

To continue to support quality outdoor experiences for Colorado youth, the Board invites organizations who have previously received Outdoor Equity Grant funding to reapply if they have spent at least half of their previously-awarded funds, or plan to do so by September 25.

The OEGP Board is committed to providing funding to organizations that have traditionally been unable to apply for grant programs due to organizational barriers, and encourages organizations of all sizes and with diverse missions to apply. The board will provide applicant guidance through a virtual Q&A session for applicants on Tuesday, May 14, at 10 a.m. The link to register for the Q&A session can be found on the OEGP website.

The Outdoor Equity Grant Program accepts applications for grants each year. Beginning this year, the program will award approximately \$3 million in grants annually.

Groups must submit their letters of interest via the online form posted on the OEGP website by June 4. Find out more on the Outdoor Equity Grant Program website: <https://cpw.info/outdoorequity-grant>.



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# Lifestyles

## Mineral County's Albright announces run for third term

**By LYNDIE FERRELL**  
**MINERAL COUNTY** — Incumbent Mineral County Commissioner Jesse Albright has announced his decision to run for his third term in office this November. Albright was first elected in 2016.

In the years since being elected, Albright has helped achieve many goals in the county and is looking forward to seeing some of the projects he and his fellow commissioners worked on come to fruition.

"I think the biggest part of all of this is that we work as a team. I consider myself very lucky to have Commissioners Ramona Weber and Scott Lamb on the board with me. As a commissioner, we don't do anything alone," said Albright.

Over the last six years, the current board has focused their attention on preserving and protecting the Commodore Mining District located along the Bachelor Loop north of Creede. Through this process, the board worked with several different governmental agencies including the EPA and Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment as well as a team that consisted of seven attorneys.

"This has been a six-year process and now that we own the Commodore Mining District, we now have an opportunity to refurbish it and stabilize it for future generations. I would like to see that through. As a contractor, I feel that I would bring experi-

ence to the table and be able to help. That is another thing that is great about this current commission. We all have strengths that we bring to the table, and it helps," said Albright.

In addition to finishing the Commodore revitalization project, Albright wants to ensure that Mineral County has updated medical facilities.

"The medical clinic here is a viable and important part of the community. The building is 20 years old and is in need of updating," he said. "It needs new flooring and other updates. We just finished updating the HVAC system and we are now looking to do the same for the ambulance barn. I want to improve our commu-

nity assets and facilities for my constituents."

Albright also stated that he is the new representative for Mineral County of the San Luis Valley DRG board and is looking forward to being the voice for Mineral County.

"We need housing. We need affordable housing and I look forward to being the voice for Mineral County and working to get workforce housing here," he said. "I have two children that I would like to see come back and live here like many families who live here. We need to have housing and other opportunities available for our youth so that they can stay here and be successful."

"It has been an honor to



**Jesse Albright**  
 serve Mineral County for the past seven years and I would love the opportunity to continue serving as your commissioner."

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# Sports

## Alamosa sweeps High Altitude Challenge

**By KEN HAMRICK**  
*Courier sports editor*  
**ALAMOSA** — The Alamosa High School track and field program won both team championships at the High Altitude Challenge Saturday at the AHS stadium.

**Alamosa**  
The Mean Moose scored 155 points and they had four individual champions. Jesse Maestas won the pole vault, which took place Friday at Del Norte, at 13-1, Brayden Moeller won the 200-meter dash in 22.26 seconds, and Mario Villalba won the 800-meter run in 2:08.08 and the 3,200 in 10:41.99. Maestas was also seventh in the 100 in 11.89, and Moeller was second in the same event in 11.24.

Placing second were Brant Jackson in the 200 in 22.54 and tied for second in the high jump at 6-1. Ethan Arnold tied for second in the pole vault at 12-1. Also taking second were Jeremiah DeLaCerde in the 800 in 2:10.68, and Cody Williams in the 1,600 in 5:07.18.

Also scoring for the Mean Moose were Tyler Dokson who was third in the 1,600 in 5:08.55, Erick Celis-Alvarez who was fourth in the shot put at 34-9 1/2, Jace Montoya who was fourth in the discus at 114-0, Trey Robinson who was fourth in the shot put at 34-7 1/2 and seventh in the discus at 103-6, Landon Garcia who was sixth in the discus at 106-2, Adlai Gardner who was seventh in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles in 48.48, and Christopher Brooks who was eighth in the 400 in 56.34.

Alamosa also won two boys relays. It won the 4x100 in 44.29, and the 4x800 in 8:47.87. It also took second in the 4x400 in 3:36.78 and fourth in the 4x200 in 1:43.21.

The Lady Mean Moose



Courier photo by Ken Hamrick

**Alamosa High School's Mario Villalba won both the 800- and 3,200-meter runs at the High Altitude Challenge on Saturday.**

scored 169 points and they won five individual titles. Kaidence Boehm won the shot put at 31-7, Madeline Castillo won the 1,600 in 5:50.71, Sarah DeLaCerde won the 800 in 2:10.56, KayLee Gonzales-Moore won the 200 in 26.82, and Elizabeth McQuitty won the 3,200 in 13:53.49.

Kaidence Boehm was also second in the discus at 90-6, Madeline Castillo was second in the 3,200 in 13:53.52 and third in the 800 in 2:35.38, KayLee Gonzales-Moore was second in the 100 in 13.13, and McQuitty was second in the 800 in 2:26.37 and second in the 1,600 in 5:50.80.

Also placing second were Brooklyn Boehm in the shot put at 28-2, and Lily Heersink in the 300

hurdles in 51.93.

Other Lady Moose scorers were Victoria Gifford who was fourth in the 800 in 2:39.98 and sixth in the 1,600 in 6:10.09, Abbey Crowther who was fifth in the 100 in 14.20, Alicia Gonzalez who was fifth in the triple jump at 28-0, sixth in the 100 in 14.30 and sixth in the 400 in 1:06.68, Shea Jordan who was fifth in the discus at 78-7, Kailynn King who was fifth in the 200 in 28.46, Isabella Lopez who was seventh in the 1,600 in 6:33.35, A;Jordanae Lewis who was seventh in the 100 in 14.32 and eighth in the 400 in 1:07.07, and Olivia Castillo who was eighth in the shot put at 24-10.

Alamosa won two girls relays including the 800-meter sprint medley in 1:54.01 and the 4x800 in 10:40.23. It was also fourth in the 4x400 in 5:07.06, sixth in the 4x100 in 1:00.10, and seventh in the 4x200 in 2:03.83.

**Centauri**  
The Centauri boys were second with 100 points and they had two championships. Carson Bagwell won the triple jump at 39-5 1/2, and Troy Sowards won the high jump at 6-6. Sowards also placed second in the long jump at 19-4.

Also placing second were Konner Horton in the 300 hurdles in 46.05, and Graham Hunzeker in the shot put at 35-6 1/2. Horton was also fourth in the 110 hurdles in 18.03.

Other Falcon scorers included Cole Jackson who was third in the 300 hurdles in 46.32 and fifth in the 110 hurdles in 18.20, Carson Shawcroft who was third in the triple jump at 38-11 1/2 and tied for seventh in the high jump at 5-5, Tyrel Hostetter who was fourth in the 1,600 in 5:11.10, Ammon Reed who was fourth in the 300 hurdles in 46.58 and sixth in the

110 hurdles in 19.39, Dallyn King who was sixth in the 100 in 11.80, Diego Cortez who was seventh in the shot put at 33-6, and Rye Howson who tied for eighth in the long jump at 16-11 1/2.

Centauri won the 4x400 in 3:34.42 and placed fourth in the 4x100 in 46.01.

The Lady Falcons tied for fourth place with 74 points. Their placers included Sara Kelly who tied for second in the pole vault at 7-1, McKenzie Torres who was third in the 1,600 in 5:57.61, Harper Russell who was fourth in the 100 in 14.16, Bailey Graber who was fifth in the 800 in 2:42.76 and fifth in the 1,600 in 6:09.32, Kaia Skadberg who was fifth in the 400 in 1:06.58, Maria Martin who was sixth in the triple jump at 27-0 1/2, Faith Medellin who was seventh in the 800 in 2:50.46, Analyn Dwyer and Alyvia Norton who both tied for seventh in the high jump at 4-7, Angeleah Romero who was seventh in the long jump at 13-8 1/4, and Page Sowards who was seventh in the 300 hurdles in 54.04.

Centauri placed second in three girls relays including the 4x100 in 55.17, the 4x200 in 1:56.95, and the 4x800 in 11:14.78. It was also fourth in the 800 sprint medley in 2:06.18.

**Center**  
The Vikings had three placers on the boys side. Andree Meraz was second in the discus at 130-10, Caden Ruggles was seventh in the 110 hurdles in 19.71 and tied for eighth in the long jump at 16-11 1/2, and Timone Dolan was eighth in the 300 hurdles in 48.72.

**Creede**  
Creede had two placers. Tyler Sliwkowski was seventh in the boys triple jump at 34-4, and Jasmine Laing tied for second in the

girls high jump at 4-11.

**Del Norte**  
The Del Norte boys took seventh place with 34 points and the Tigers were led by Damon Ledford-Vigil who tied for second in the pole vault at 12-1, Calvin Quintana who was third in the shot put at 34-11, Caleb Cowett who was fifth in the 400 in 55.30, Colby Gandy who was sixth in the 300 hurdles in 47.77, Wyatt VanZalinge who tied for sixth in the pole vault at 9-7, Cruz Matta who was seventh in the 1,600 in 5:20.73, and Mads Kreutzer who was eighth in the 1,600 in 5:20.92.

The Tigers were second in the 4x800 in 8:59.82. Placing for the Lady Tigers were Timay Garcia who tied for second in the pole vault at 7-1, and Frannie Edelen who was fourth in the 1,600 in 6:06.10 and sixth in the 800 in 2:45.86.

**Moffat**  
The Cowboys had one placer in Ziah Pesqueira who was fifth in the long jump at 18-5 1/4, seventh in the 400 in 56.10 and eighth in the 200 in 24.80.

**Sanford**  
The Mustangs were eighth with 30 points. Their placers included Lincoln Reynolds who was third in the 200 in 22.60 and fourth in the 100 in 11.43, Tucker Canty who was fifth in the 800 in 2:15.26, and Ryan Cordova who was eighth in the shot put at 33-2.

In boys relays, the Mustangs were third in the 4x200 in 1:42.24, fourth in the 4x400 in 3:58.34, and sixth in the 4x100 in 49.31.

The Lady Mustangs tied for fourth with 74 points, and they had two individual champions. Holly McDaniel won the triple jump at 33-0 and Erica Miller won the 400 in 1:01.23.

Holly McDaniel was also second in the long jump

at 15-5 and third in the 100 hurdles in 17.49, and Miller was second in the 200 in 26.86.

Also placing for the Sanford girls were Kate McDaniel who was third in the 300 hurdles in 52.22, seventh in the 100 hurdles in 18.68 and eighth in the 100 in 14.32, and Claire Crowther who was eighth in the long jump at 13-7 1/4.

In girls relays, Sanford was third in the 800 sprint medley in 1:57.19, fourth in the 4x100 in 55.48, fourth in the 4x200 in 1:58.95, and fifth in the 4x400 in 5:17.74.

**Sangre de Cristo**  
The Thunderbirds had three placers. In boys events, Brody Artachevarria was fourth in the 800 in 2:15.13, and Juan Garcia was eighth in the 800 in 2:16.09. For the girls, Taylor Freel was fourth in the discus at 80-1.

**Sargent**  
The Farmers also had three placers. For the boys, Westen Burkhardt was third in the 800 in 2:13.69. In girls events, Bailey Asbell was second in the 100 hurdles in 17.42, tied for fourth in the high jump at 4-9 and sixth in the 300 hurdles at 53.43. Kimmy Pargin was eighth in the 300 hurdles in 54.33.

**Sierra Grande**  
Ayden Lopez was the Panthers' sole placer as he was fourth in the triple jump at 36-2.

**Boys team scores**  
Alamosa 155, Centauri 100, Montezuma-Cortez 95, Bayfield 95, Pagosa Springs 92, Liberty Tree Academy 36, Del Norte 34, Sanford 30, Center 11, Aguilar 11, Moffat 7, Sargent 6, La Veta 6, Sangre de Cristo 6, Sierra Grande 5, Creede 2, Walsenburg 1.

**Girls team scores**  
Alamosa 169, Pagosa Springs 127, Montezuma-Cortez 111, Sanford 74, Centauri 74, Bayfield 52, Liberty Tree Academy 33, South Park 24, Sargent 16, Del Norte 15, La Veta 13, Creede 7, Sangre de Cristo 5.

## Mean Moose, Falcons split doubleheader

**By KEN HAMRICK**  
*Courier sports editor*  
**ALAMOSA** — The Alamosa High School baseball team was looking stay in contention for the Intermountain League championship when. It hosted a doubleheader with Centauri Saturday at Ortega Middle School.

The Mean Moose, however, were knocked out of contention as they split with the Falcons. Alamosa won the opener 10-0, but Centauri came back to win the nightcap 17-15 in extra innings.

**Game 1**  
The Mean Moose struck for a run in the bottom of the first inning. Carlos Garcia drew a walk and he advanced to third as Nelson Arambula reached on an error. Garcia scored on Gus West's groundout.

After a scoreless second and third innings, Alamosa scored six runs in the fourth. Kiko Ruybal drew a leadoff walk, followed by Xavier Lujan getting hit by a pitch. Brennan Maez walked to load the bases, and Tony Griego singled home Ruybal and Evan Anderson who was courtesy running for Lujan.

Garcia singled to plate Maez and Griego for a 5-0 lead. Arambula's single brought Garcia home.

Arambula was caught stealing, but Jayden Mizokami continued the winning with a single. Jonah Pittman also singled, and Ruybal's single drove in Mizokami to extend the lead to 7-0.

The Mean Moose wrapped up the game with a three-run fifth. Garcia tripled and A.J. Baker,

who was courtesy-running for Garcia, scored on a wild pitch. Arambula and West hit back-to-back doubles with Arambula scoring, and Pittman singled home West to end the game on the 10-run rule.

Lujan went the distance on the mound for the Mean Moose and he picked up the win. He allowed no runs and only two hits while striking out three, walking one and hitting one batter.

Dylan Gallardo started for the Falcons and was dealt the loss. He gave up six runs and six hits and he had two strikeouts, five walks and one hit batter. Diego Hernandez went to the mound in the fourth and surrendered four runs and eight hits and he had one strikeout, no walks and one hit batter.

Alamosa was led offensively by Garcia who went 3-3 including a triple and two RBIs, Arambula who went 3-4 with a double and one RBI, and Pittman who went 3-4 with one RBI.

For Centauri, Leland Chacon went 1-1 with a double, and Jace Haslett went 1-2.

**Game 2**  
The Mean Moose picked up from where they left off by scoring four runs in the first. Griego received a leadoff walk and Garcia also drew a base on balls. Arambula singled to drive in Griego, and West walked to load the bases. Pittman singled to plate Garcia and Arambula, and West scored as Alamosa executed the double steal.

Centauri got back into the game with three runs in the fourth. Hernandez



Courier photo by Ken Hamrick

**Centauri High School's Dylan Gallardo (right) tags out Alamosa's Nelson Arambula (10) in the first game of a doubleheader on Saturday. The Mean Moose won the first game 10-0, but the Falcons won the second 17-15 in eight innings.**

started with an infield single and Spencer Smith walked. Chacon singled home Hernandez, and Parker Buhr doubled to drive home Smith and Chacon.

Alamosa answered with three runs in its half of the inning. Maez led off by reaching on an error and he stole second and third. He scored on an error.

Griego walked and stole second, and Garcia drove home Griego.

Garcia was caught stealing, but West continued the inning with a double. Mizokami also doubled to plate West for a 7-4 lead.

The Falcons took the lead with seven runs in the sixth. Smith drew a leadoff walk and scored on Chacon's double. Caden Allen singled to put runners at the corners, and Buhr's single drove home Chacon. Haslett also singled, and Kamryn

with four runs in the bottom of the seventh. Lujan and Maez both walked to begin the frame, and Lujan scored on a wild pitch. Garcia singled home Maez, and after Arambula walked, West and Mizokami both had RBI singles and the game went to extra innings.

Centauri scored three times in the top of the eighth. Brady walked and scored on Haslett's double. Dylan Gallardo drew a walk and Hernandez brought home both Haslett and Dylan Gallardo.

Alamosa attempted another rally in the bottom of the eighth. Ryan Higareda drew a leadoff walk, and Maez also walked and Griego singled to load the bases. Higareda scored on Garcia's sacrifice fly, but Maez and Griego were left stranded as the game ended.

Ruybal started on the mound for the Mean Moose. He allowed three runs and four hits with six strikeouts, three walks and one hit batter. West relieved Ruybal in the fifth and gave up seven runs and five hits and he struck out three, walked one and hit one. Pittman finished the game and took the loss. He surrendered seven runs and two hits with one strikeout and five walks.

Drake Gallardo started for Centauri and allowed seven runs and seven hits and he struck out two, walked five and hit one batter. Brady took the mound in the fifth and allowed three runs and four hits with one strikeout, no walks and

one hit batter. Hernandez then went to pitch in the seventh and surrendered three runs and one hit and he walked two. Haslett pitched to two batters and allowed one run, one hit and one walk. Dylan Gallardo finished the game and took the win. He gave up one run and two hits with two walks.

The Mean Moose collected 15 hits and were led by West who went 4-4 with a double, a triple and one RBI, Garcia who went 3-5 with a triple and three RBIs, Griego who went 2-3, Mizokami who went 2-4 with a double and two RBIs, and Pittman who went 2-5 with three RBIs.

The Falcons had 11 hits and were led by Haslett who went 3-6 with two doubles and three RBIs, Buhr who went 2-3 with three RBIs, and Chacon who went 2-3 with two doubles and two RBIs.

**What's next**  
Alamosa (5-14, 3-3) will host Sanford on Friday at 11 a.m. before traveling to Pagosa Springs to wrap up league play with a doubleheader beginning at 11 a.m.

Centauri (7-12) will travel to Montezuma-Cortez on Saturday for an 11 a.m. doubleheader.

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## Sports Bulletin

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### SCOREBOARD

#### FRIDAY

##### Prep baseball

La Veta 14, Centennial 4  
Sanford 22, Custer County, 10, 5 inn.  
Sanford 21, Cripple Creek-Victor 1  
Sierra Grande 12, Antonito 2, 5 inn.

Sierra Grande 4, Antonito 3

##### Prep girls soccer

Alamosa 1, Montezuma-Cortez 0

Del Norte 4, Dolores Huerta 1

##### College baseball

Adams State 7, Colorado-Colorado Springs 6

Adams State 10, Colorado-Colorado Springs 8

##### College men's lacrosse

Colorado Mesa 22, Adams State 2

##### College women's softball

Colorado School of Mines 9, Adams State 2

Colorado School of Mines 9, Adams State 0, 5 inn.

### SATURDAY

#### Prep baseball

Alamosa 10, Centauri 0, 5 inn.

Centauri 17, Alamosa 15, 8 inn.

Center 9, Custer County 2

Center at Custer County - postponed

Ignacio 23, Sargent 0, 3 inn.

Ignacio 20, Sargent 4, 5 inn.

Monte Vista 2, Del Norte 0

Monte Vista 19, Del Norte 5, 6 inn.

### College baseball

Adams State at Colorado-Colorado Springs (2) - postponed

### College women's softball

Colorado School of Mines 7, Adams State 2

Colorado School of Mines 8, Adams State 0, 5 inn.

### SUNDAY

#### College baseball

Colorado-Colorado Springs 4, Adams State 3

Adams State 10, Colorado-Colorado Springs 3

### SCHEDULE

### TUESDAY

#### Prep baseball

Antonito at Center, 2 p.m.

Del Norte at Sanford (2), 3 p.m.

Monte Vista at Rye, 4 p.m.

Sierra Grande at Center, 4:30 p.m.

**Prep girls soccer**  
Del Norte at Pagosa Springs, 4 p.m.

**Prep track and field**  
Moffat at 2-Mile High Invitational (at Fairplay), TBA

### THURSDAY

#### Prep baseball

Center at Custer County, 5 p.m.

### Prep girls golf

Monte Vista at Pueblo Central Invitational, TBA

### Prep girls soccer

Lake County at Alamosa, 4:30 p.m.

### Prep track and field

Antonito, Centauri, Center, Creede, Del Norte, Moffat, Monte Vista, Sanford, Sangre de Cristo, Sargent, Sierra Grande at Southern Peaks League Invitational (at Del Norte), 4 p.m.

### College baseball

Colorado Mesa at Adams State, 3 p.m.

# Public Notices

## ATTENTION GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

The Saguache County Board of County Commissioners are accepting scholarship applications for graduating seniors who will be graduating high school in 2024.

Commissioners will be awarding graduating seniors' college scholarships that will be paid through the Marijuana Excise Tax funds.

Scholarships may be used at a trade school, college or university but you must reside in Saguache County to apply and possibly receive scholarship funds.

Applications are due by Wednesday, May 1, 2024 and are available through our website at [www.saguachecounty.colorado.gov](http://www.saguachecounty.colorado.gov) to download the application or by contacting Wendi Maez at 719-655-2231 or by email at [wmaez@saguachecounty-co.gov](mailto:wmaez@saguachecounty-co.gov).

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## DISTRICT COURT, ALAMOSA COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

Civil Action No. 2023 CV 030034, Division No. D  
SUMMONS (BY PUBLICATION)  
COLORADO MOUNTAIN RANCHES, INC., a Colorado corporation, Plaintiffs,  
vs.  
MARTIN ROBERTO CASTANEDA, ROSALVA CASTANEDA, KARI L. FORD,  
KENNETH W. FORD, DOROTHY E. FRANK, REGINA HOFER, ARTHUR M. WILLIAMS, BRIAN C. WOOD, RACHELA. WOOD,  
and all other persons who claim as heirs, devisees, creditors or otherwise under said defendants, and all unknown persons who claim any interest in the subject matter of this action, Defendants.  
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:  
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the Complaint filed with the Court in this action, by filing with the Clerk of this Court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within thirty days after the service of this Summons upon you. Service of this Summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court.  
If you fail to file your answer or other response to the Complaint in writing within thirty days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice to you.  
This is an action to quiet title to the following described property situated in the County of Alamosa and State of Colorado, to-wit:  
Lot 42, Block C, Deer Valley Meadows, Unit 1;  
Lot 35, Block E, Deer Valley Meadows, Unit 1;  
Lot 16, Block 3, San Luis Valley Ranches, Unit 11;  
Lot 15, Block 5, San Luis Valley Ranches, Unit 11; and  
Lots 18 and 19, in Block 45, the Zapata - Unit Two, the Plat of which was filed July 29, 1976, under Reception No. 188563, in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Alamosa County, Colorado;  
(the "Property"), free and clear of all liens and encumbrances.  
DATED: April 8, 2024.  
MOTZ LAW FIRM, LLC  
By: /s/ Jeffrey E. Motz  
Paul E. Motz, Reg. No. 7740  
Jeffrey E. Motz, Reg. No. 35972  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
410 San Juan Avenue  
P. O. Box 779  
Alamosa, Colorado 81101  
Telephone: (719) 589-6676  
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**South Conejos School District is seeking sealed bids for the sale of:**

2002 Chevy Suburban 6.0 engine, 4WD w/ Snow Plow, 172,141 miles.  
2003 Blue Bird 65 Passenger Bus: DT466e engine and automatic transmission, 202,442 miles.  
For Inquiries, please call: 719-376-7007. Sealed bids can be sent to [ebrien@southconejos.com](mailto:ebrien@southconejos.com). All bids must be received by 2:00 p.m. on April 30, 2024. Bids received after this date and time will not be considered. The South Conejos School District reserves the right to reject any and all bids if deemed to be in the best interest of the District.  
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**NOTICE**  
District Court Denver Probate Court  
Alamosa County, Colorado  
Court Address:  
8955 Independence Way  
Alamosa, CO 81101  
In the Matter of the Estate of:  
JUDITH C. MARRON also known as JUDITH CLAIRE MARRON and as JUDITH MARRON  
Deceased  
COURT USE ONLY  
Attorney or Party Without Attorney (Name and Address):  
Elise Aiken, Atty. No. 43831  
KOTTKE & BRANTZ, LLC  
2975 Valmont Road, Suite 240  
Boulder, CO 80301  
Office Line: (303) 449-6161 ext.113  
Fax: (303) 440-0348  
Email: [elise@kbcolorado.com](mailto:elise@kbcolorado.com)  
Case Number: 2024PR030010  
Division D  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO § 15-12-801, C.R.S.  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
Estate of Judith C. Marron, Deceased. Case Number 2024PR030010  
All persons having claims against the above named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to X District Court of Alamosa County, Colorado or Denver Probate Court of the City and County of Denver, Colorado on or before August 16, 2024 (date)", or the claims may be forever barred.  
Elise Aiken, Attorney for PR  
Type or Print name of Person Giving Notice  
2975 Valmont Road, Suite 240  
Address  
Boulder, CO, 80301  
City, State, Zip Code  
No. 3900.  
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**NOTICE**  
District Court Costilla County, Colorado  
304 Main Street  
P.O. Box 301  
San Luis, CO 81152  
719-672-3681  
Plaintiff:  
BABYLON HOLDINGS LLC, a New York limited liability company v.  
Defendants:  
ESTATE OF PATRICIA LYNN SMITH a/k/a PATRICIA LYNN SMITH-COCKRELL; TRISHA SMITH a/k/a TRISHA DENISE SMITH; CLARENCE W. COCKRELL a/k/a CLARENCE WELTON COCKRELL; ESTATE OF ALEXIS M. LEIVA a/k/a ALEXIS MANUEL LEIVA; FLORE DEMARIA LEIVA; ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM UNDER OR THROUGH THE NAMED DEFENDANTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA LYNN SMITH a/k/a PATRICIA LYNN SMITH-COCKRELL AND THE ESTATE OF ALEXIS M. LEIVA a/k/a ALEXIS MANUEL LEIVA, AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION  
COURT USE ONLY  
Attorneys for Plaintiffs:  
Zachary A. Grey, Atty. Reg. 49269  
Frascona, Joiner, Goodman and Greenstein P.C.  
4750 Table Mesa Drive  
Boulder, CO 80305  
Telephone: 303-494-3000  
Facsimile: 303-494-6309  
Email: [zac@frascona.com](mailto:zac@frascona.com)  
Case Number: 2024CV030002  
Division: C Courtroom  
SERVICE BY PUBLICATION  
TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S):  
You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 21 or 35 days, as applicable, after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.  
If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 21 or 35 days, as applicable, after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.  
Dated: April 12, 2024  
Published in The Valley Courier  
First Publication: Tuesday April 16, 2024  
Last Publication: Tuesday, May 14, 2024  
Frascona, Joiner, Goodman and Greenstein, P.C.  
/s/Zachary A. Grey  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
No. 3901.  
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**NOTICE**  
County Court  
Conejos County, Colorado  
Court Address:  
6663 County Road 13, Conejos, CO 81129  
Case Number: 2024C18  
Division B  
In the Matter of the Petition of:  
Adult: Hunter Riley DeHerrera  
For a Change of Name to:  
Hunter Riley Madril  
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME  
Public Notice is given on 04/22/2024 that a Petition for a Change of Name of Adult has been filed with the Conejos County Court. The Petition requests that the name of Hunter Riley DeHerrera be changed to Hunter Riley Madril.  
By Brooke Valdez  
Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk  
No. 3919  
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**NOTICE OF ACCEPTING BIDS**  
The Center Fire Protection District is accepting bids for a 1995 International tanker truck, sold as is. Bids shall be a minimum of \$2,500. Sealed bids will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on May 10, 2024. Bids may be mailed to Center Fire Protection District, P.O. Box 845, Center, CO 81125. Bids will be opened at the Board's regular meeting on May 14, 2024. To view the above truck, please call John Anderson at 719-588-8005 for an appointment. The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids.  
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## LEGAL NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

**USDA FOREST SERVICE**  
**RIO GRANDE NATIONAL FOREST**  
**OVER SNOW TRAVEL MANAGEMENT PROJECT**  
The USDA Forest Service has published a Notice of Intent to prepare and Environmental Impact Statement to document analysis of Over Snow Travel Management for all three Ranger Districts (Conejos Peak, Divide, and Saguache) of the Rio Grande National Forest. The proposed action would designate roads, trails and areas on National Forest System land for public over-snow motor vehicle use. These designations would be consistent with the requirements of Subpart C of the Forest Service's Travel Management Regulation at 36 Code of Federal Regulations Part 212. The purpose of this project is to effectively manage over snow vehicle use on the Rio Grande National Forest to:  
\* Provide high quality over-snow access and experiences.  
\* Ensure that OSV use occurs when there is adequate snow to protect underlying resources.  
\* Promote the safety of all Forest visitors and users.  
\* Enhance public enjoyment.  
\* Minimize impacts to natural and cultural resources.  
\* Minimize conflicts among the various uses.  
\* Identify roads and trails and areas where the Forest Service or its contractors would conduct snow grooming for over-snow vehicle use. There is a need to provide a manageable, designated system of over-snow vehicle use areas and trails on the units that is consistent with and achieves the purposes of the Forest Service Travel Management Rule at 36 CFR Part 212. This action responds to that direction. The proposed action includes the following:  
\* Approximately 1,342,162 acres (73 percent) of the Rio Grande National Forest lands are proposed to be designated for public cross-country over-snow vehicle use.  
\* Approximately 280 miles of currently permitted groomed motorized routes are proposed for designation.  
\* To reduce potential damage to resources an unpacked minimum snow depth of 12 inches is required for over-snow vehicle use on designated roads, trails and areas.  
\* Grooming on permitted routes may occur on unpacked snow depths equal to or greater than 18 inches.  
\* Grooming designated roads and trails will occur using a variety of methods including but not limited to special use permits, partnerships and/or grants and agreements.  
\* Public over-snow vehicle use in Special Designation Management Areas (MA) is restricted. This includes MA 4.1 - Special Designation-Special Interest Areas, MA 4.2- Special Designation-Research Natural Areas, and MA 4.8 - Ski-Based Areas. Some of these areas are currently permitted for over snow use. Depending on the project decision, existing permits could be adjusted following completion of this analysis.  
A detailed version of the proposed action and draft ROS maps are available on the RINGF website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/riogrande/landmanagement/planning/?cid=fsprnd1154726>. This decision will result in creation of an Over-the-Snow Vehicle use map that describes designated trial and areas where motorized use may occur.  
The Responsible Official for this decision is, Forest Supervisor for the Rio Grande National Forest, Dennis Kuhnel.  
Comments will be accepted throughout the analysis process; however, the public is encouraged to provide comments concerning the scope of the analysis identified in the Proposed Action at this time. The opportunity to submit substantive comments on the Proposed Action ends 45 days following publication of the Notice of Intent to publish an Environmental Impact Statement in the Federal Register. The Notice of Intent was published on 4/30/2024. Additional information regarding the proposed action can be obtained on the Rio Grande National Forest website at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/riogrande/landmanagement/projects>. If the end of the 45-day timeframe falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, comments will be accepted until the end of the next Federal working day.  
It is the responsibility of the sender to ensure timely receipt of input. It is important that reviewers provide their comments at such times and in such a way that they are useful to the Agency's preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement. Therefore, comments should be provided prior to the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewer's concerns and contentions.  
Only individuals or entities (as defined by 36 CFR 218.2) who submit timely, specific written comments (as specified in 36 CFR 218.2) about this proposed action during this or another public comment period established by the Responsible Official will be eligible to file an objection. Other eligibility requirements are specified in 36 CFR 218.25(a)(3) and include, among other requirements, the commenter's name, postal address, title of the proposed action, and signature or other verification of identity upon request and identification of the individual or entity who authored the comment(s). All written comments received by the Responsible Official, including names and addresses of commenters shall be placed in the project file and shall become a matter of public record for this proposed action. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, anonymous comments will not provide the Agency with the ability to provide the commenter with subsequent environmental documents. Comments should be within the scope of the proposed action, have a direct relationship to the proposed action, and must include supporting reasons for the Responsible Official to consider (36 CFR 218.2). Submit comments to the Responsible Official, Dennis Kuhnel, Forest Supervisor.  
\* Comments submitted via mail should be sent to: Forest Supervisor Dennis Kuhnel; 1055 9th Street, Del Norte, Colorado, 81132, Telephone (970) 305-0041; or via facsimile: (719) 657-5280.  
\* The preferred method to submit comments is through the Comment Analysis and Response Application at <https://cara.fs.usda.gov/Public/CommentInput?phase=5725>.  
\* Comments may also be sent via email to: [comments-rocky-mountain-rio-grande@usda.gov](mailto:comments-rocky-mountain-rio-grande@usda.gov), (please include "Comments on Over Snow Travel Management" in the subject line of your email).  
\* For hand delivered comments, the office hours are 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday (except Federal holidays).  
Acceptable formats for electronic comments are text or html e-mail, Adobe portable document format, and formats viewable in Microsoft Office applications.  
The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is an equal opportunity provider and employer.  
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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**  
FOR SAGUACHE COUNTY COURT FACILITIES FEASIBILITY STUDY  
I. OVERVIEW  
PROPOSAL DUE DATE/DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS - Responses due by June 10, 2024 at 3PM  
Delivery of 4 original copies either by USPS or hand delivered in a sealed envelope to:  
Wendi Maez  
PO Box 100  
505 3rd Street  
Saguache, CO, 81149  
All official communication with Candidates and questions regarding this RFP will be via email to the Wendi Maez at [wmaez@saguachecounty-co.gov](mailto:wmaez@saguachecounty-co.gov).  
No inquiries will be accepted after the clarification deadline as indicated in the project schedule.  
All Candidate inquiries will be responded to at the same time which will be after the "Clarification Deadline". Candidates should not rely on any other statements, either oral or written, that alter any specification or other term or condition of the RFP during the open solicitation period. Candidates should not contact any team member, or any individual associated with the Owner or Saguache County regarding this RFP or this project except to schedule an optional site visit.  
RFP Schedule  
RFP Available  
May 1, 2024  
Optional Site Visit  
By apt with all  
RFP Clarification Deadline  
May 28, 2024  
RFP Clarification Responses  
May 31, 2024  
RFP Responses Due  
June 10, 2024  
Interview Invitations Sent  
June 12, 2024  
Interviews  
June 25, 2024  
Selections Made and Candidates Notified  
July 3, 2024  
Contract Negotiations/discussion - Complete  
July 9, 2024  
Notice to Proceed Given to Successful Firm  
July 16, 2024  
Study to begin  
July 17, 2024  
Study completion and submittal date  
October 1, 2024  
Report submitted and reviewed by BOCC  
October 8, 2024  
Report accepted and approved  
October 15, 2024  
II. Background  
Saguache County has outgrown the current space the county and judicial staff occupy. There is no additional space to expand and the need for more space continues to grow.  
III. Project Description  
Saguache County is searching for a vendor to conduct a feasibility study which will assist in deciding the option that best suits Saguache County, it's needs and its circumstances. The options are - a) Construct a new "Judicial Building" that would house the judicial portion of the current courthouse, b) Remodel the 3rd floor of the courthouse to better accommodate the Judicial Department, c) Build a new County Government complex.  
Cost of project study not to exceed \$70,000.  
IV. Submittal Requirements  
Saguache County asks for a letter of interest which incorporates your experience and your qualifications. In addition, please include the cost of the study. Refer to the first page of this document for the address and manner of submitting your information.  
V. Schedule - See RFP Schedule  
It is expected that the selected firm has the current capabilities and capacity to complete the project by the date listed in the project schedule. Provide a detailed schedule, including milestones, from the notice to proceed date the completion of the study, modifications or alterations, including deviations from the estimated schedule set forth in the RFP Schedule.  
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**173 - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

**PRIVATE HOME HEALTH:** I can help keep your loved one at home. CNA 20+ years experience, excellent references, reasonable rates. 512-293-1448. (5/21/24)

**LICENSED PLUMBER DOES** all types of plumbing & plumbing repairs. Quick service! Call anytime, weekends & evenings: 719-580-0033 or 719-376-2593. (5/24/24-monthly)

**221 - HELP WANTED**

**WE GOT THE HELP WE WERE LOOKING FOR WITH THE HELP OF THE VALLEY COURIER.** Smokin Spuds. (AS)

**CONEJOS COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT** is hiring a PART-TIME LIBRARY CLERK, 20 hours per week. Please contact Maria De Herrera at 719-274-5858 for further information. (5/8/24)

**CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** is looking for Part-time ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT. Pay determined by experience. Contact Hannah Metzger 719-989-0987. (5/4/24)

**SANGRE DE CRISTO SCHOOL DISTRICT** has openings for the school year 2024-2025: Elementary PE Teacher / ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, BOOKKEEPER, Middle School FOOTBALL COACH, Middle School WRESTLING COACH, High School VOLLEYBALL COACH, High School WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACH, and NUTRITION DIRECTOR. Please visit our website, [www.sangreschools.org](http://www.sangreschools.org) to apply. If you have any questions, please call 719-378-2321 or 719-420-1422. (5/15/24)

**ENGAGEMENT SPECIALIST - LA PUENTE SEEKING ENGAGEMENT SPECIALIST** to assist in efforts to maintain relationships and coordinate with members of the Homeless community and homeless services providers through La Puente's Street Outreach program. Looking for the unique individual committed to ongoing understanding of La Puente programs with a focus on clients residing at formal and informal homeless encampments located in ALAMOSA. Join our staff of dedicated professionals and learn the joys and satisfaction of serving others. Salary \$38k-\$40k, DOE; comprehensive benefits package. Send resume/work references to [hr@lapuente.net](mailto:hr@lapuente.net). (5/15/24)

**ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY** seeks applicants for a GENERAL LABOR I position in the ASU Facilities Services Department. Starting salary for this position is \$3,160 per month. For application or more information, please see <https://www.adams.edu/hr/employment/AA/EOE>. (5/4/24)

**RUSTIC ROOK IN MOSCA** is seeking TENT CLEANERS May 20th - October 1st. \$15/HR. Call 719-661-9833 for details. (5/15/24)

**SCHOOL OF EDUCATION** at ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY is seeking a PROGRAM COORDINATOR / STUDENT ADVISOR. This is a twelve-month full-time, exempt position. The pay range for this position is \$42,252 - \$48,060 commensurate with experience and education. A BA and/or experience in an education-related field is preferred. This position will report directly to the School Director and will provide advising and support to undergraduate and graduate students, assist faculty and staff with daily operations, and coordinate program processes and events across undergraduate and graduate degree and licensure areas. For more information and to apply, please visit <https://www.adams.edu/hr/employment/>. (5/14/24)

**POLICE OFFICER FOR the MANASSA POLICE DEPARTMENT**, must be POST certified. Please pick up application at the Town Hall during business hours; Monday- Wednesday 8-4. (5/25/24)

**221 - HELP WANTED**

**MONTE VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT** is accepting applications for a SPECIAL EDUCATION PARAPROFESSIONAL at MARSH ELEMENTARY for the 2024-2025 school year. This is a full-time classified position. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience may be viewed on the district website. Monte Vista School District operates on a 4-day week (Monday - Thursday) and offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, HSA match, and life coverage. The salary for this position will be paid from the current MVSD Paraprofessional Salary Schedule, which can be viewed on the district website - Employment Opportunities page. Placement on the salary schedule will be determined by education and experience at time of hire. Applications may be submitted through our online employment application <https://www.pirates.monte.k12.co.us/employmentopportunities>, by May 7, 2024, or until the position is filled. For questions, contact the District Administration Office at 719-852-5996. (5/14/24)

**MONTE VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT** is accepting applications for an anti-pirated opening for an ELEMENTARY SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER at BILL METZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. The district will consider providing tuition assistance for a qualified teacher interested in pursuing a Special Education Endorsement. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience may be viewed on the district website. Monte Vista School District offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, HSA match, and life coverage. Applications may be submitted through our online employment application <https://www.pirates.monte.k12.co.us/employmentopportunities> by May 7, 2024, or until the position is filled. For application questions, contact the District Administration Office at 719-852-5996. (5/14/24)

**MOUNTAIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT** has the following openings for the 24-25 school year: KINDERGARTEN, K-12 ART, MS SCHOOL TEACHER, HS ELA, HS SOCIAL SCIENCES, K-12 PE, HS SCIENCE, K-12 PRINCIPAL. Send inquiries/resumes to Mr. Stagner @ [Stagnerb@valley.k12.co.us](mailto:Stagnerb@valley.k12.co.us) or call 719-655-2578. (5/28/24)

**SEEKING AN ENERGETIC, compassionate MANAGER** for RETHREADS COMMUNITY THRIFT STORE, located at 511 6th Ave., ALAMOSA. Ability to work independently with people from diverse backgrounds and circumstances required. Organizational skills and friendly customer service is desired. Position is 20-25 hours per week, starting at \$15 per hour. Send resume and letter of interest to: [hr@lapuente.net](mailto:hr@lapuente.net). (5/11/24)

**WORKING TOGETHER FAMILY ADVOCATE- LA PUENTE SEEKS** a motivated, qualified person to improve parent/child education, increase family self-sufficiency and build community partnerships. We will train the candidate with the best written and oral communication skills. Join our staff of dedicated professionals and learn the joys and satisfaction of serving others. Salary Range - \$37,000.00 - \$42,000.00 DOE, full benefits package. Send resume/work references to [hr@lapuente.net](mailto:hr@lapuente.net). (5/11/24)

**221 - HELP WANTED**

**ALAMOSA BICYCLE COALITION** is accepting applications for the following two positions: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Salary Range: \$48,000 - \$55,000 (DOE). This position may range between a 20-35 hour week depending on applicant's skills and interests, with the salary pro-rated accordingly. Organizational Leadership, Financial and Grants Management, Program Implementation skills required. BICYCLE WORKSHOP & PROGRAM MANAGER Salary range: \$21,500-\$23,500 (DOE) for a 20-hour week. Work-space Management and Program Facilitation; conversational Eng/Sp skills required; experience repairing bicycles preferred. Applicants can apply for both positions. Positions open until filled, with applications being reviewed starting April 19. Email [info@alamosabicyclecoalition.org](mailto:info@alamosabicyclecoalition.org) for job descriptions and application. (4/30/24)

**VALLEY EDUCATIONAL GARDENS INITIATIVE (VEGI), SEASONAL SUMMER ASSISTANT** - Seeking a motivated individual to contribute gardening expertise and teaching experience to a community garden space! Assistant will assist with various aspects of VEGI's programming throughout our main growing season. Assistant will work alongside the AmeriCorps member(s) to teach garden-based educational lessons focused on nutrition and environmental awareness with our partner sites, help maintain our 3 growing spaces, harvest vegetables, and provide general program support during the busy summer months. Part-time; Mid-May/June to Mid October. \$17.00/hr. Send resume/cover letter to [hr@lapuente.net](mailto:hr@lapuente.net). (5/10/24)

**MONTE VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT** is seeking applications for a knowledgeable, energetic, creative, and collaborative MUSIC TEACHER at BILL METZ ELEMENTARY. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience is posted on the district website. The District operates on a 4-day week (Monday - Thursday) and offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, HSA match, and life coverage. The salary for this position will be paid from the current MVSD Teacher Salary Schedule, which can be viewed on the district website - Employment Opportunities page. Placement on the salary schedule will be determined by education and experience at time of hire. Applications may be submitted through our online employment application <https://www.pirates.monte.k12.co.us/employmentopportunities> by May 2, 2024 or until the position is filled. For application questions, contact the District Administration Office at 719-852-5996. (5/8/24)

**ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY** seeks applicants for an ADVISING COORDINATOR for its UPWARD BOUND MATH & SCIENCE PROGRAM. The salary for this position starts at \$46,476 per year. A minimum Bachelor's Degree in science, technology, engineering, math, or related field is required for this exempt position. For application details and more information, please see <https://www.adams.edu/hr/employment/AA/EOE>. (5/8/24)

**NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT** is accepting applications for the 2024-25 school year for (1) CENTAURI MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH TEACHER. Applicants must hold a current Colorado Teaching License or be able to obtain proper endorsement. Application deadline is until position is filled. Please call Brian Riccatone with questions at 719-274-4301. Applications are available at the District Administration Office, 17887 US Hwy 285, LA JARA, CO 81140 or can be downloaded at [www.northconejos.com](http://www.northconejos.com) Submit application to Mr. Darren Edgar, Superintendent. EOE. (5/7/24)

**221 - HELP WANTED**

**SANFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT** is accepting applications for a HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER. Applications can be downloaded at [www.sanfordschools.org](http://www.sanfordschools.org). Sanford School is an EOE&E. (5/4/24)

**SANFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT** is accepting applications for a HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETIC DIRECTOR. Must be at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent, or such alternative to the above qualifications as the Board of Education may find appropriate and acceptable. All candidates must pass background checks. Applications can be downloaded at [www.sanfordschools.org](http://www.sanfordschools.org). Sanford School is an EOE&E. (5/4/24)

**TOWN OF CENTER, COLORADO** seeks a TOWN MANAGER. General Statement of Duties: Supervises 22-25 employees of varied departments such as Utilities, Public Safety, Streets and Parks and Administration. Position Overview - As the Town Manager, you will serve as the chief executive officer of our municipality, responsible for overseeing all aspects of municipal operations and administration. You will work closely with elected officials, department heads, to implement policies, manage resources, and foster sustainable growth and development. Key Responsibilities: Provide visionary leadership and strategic direction to achieve the town's goals and objectives. Collaborate with elected officials to develop and implement policies that reflect the needs and priorities of the community. Manage the day-to-day operations of the Town's departments. Ensure efficient use of resources and adherence to budgetary constraints. Foster effective communication and engagement with residents and businesses. Represent the Town's interests in regional, state, and federal forums. Have some knowledge of Human Resources. Promote transparency, accountability, and ethical conduct in all town activities. Education and Experience: The Board will consider, on a case by case basis, a combination of education and experience that shows capacity to perform the essential functions of the job. Qualified candidates should submit their resume to Rose DeHerrera, Town Clerk at [rose@centercolorado.gov](mailto:rose@centercolorado.gov) or Town of Center, PO Box 400, Center, CO 81125. The Town of Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer and values diversity at all levels of its workforce. Closing: Open until filled. Salary: DOE with benefits. Job Type: Full Time/Exempt. Location: Town Hall, 294 S. Worth Street, Center CO. (5/3/24)

**TOWN OF MOFFAT, Colorado, WATER OPERATOR / WATER CONSULTANT.** Job Description WATER OPERATOR DUTIES: 1. The Operator Responsible in Charge (ORC) shall have a Small Systems (DI) certification in good standing. 2. Identify CDPHE's Monitoring Schedule for Moffat and complete all tasks needed for compliance including sampling, reporting, and maintaining programs such as backflow prevention. 3. Records and communications will be public information. 4. Requires independent contractor insurance. 5. Estimated hours per month: 5-12. 6. Certification training may be provided. 7. Estimated pay range \$25 - \$30 per hour depending on experience. WATER CONSULTANT DUTIES: 1. Interface with town attorney and engineer regarding water system installation. 2. Complete tasks for Division of Water Resources (DWR) compliance requirements. 3. Serve as point person for public outreach and education regarding new municipal water system connections, including number of population and costs involved. 4. Perform tasks as they arise in developing a new municipal water system. 5. Establish and maintain Fee Schedule. 6. Requires independent contractor insurance. 7. Estimated hours per month: 10-30. 8. Estimated pay range \$40 - \$50 per hour depending on experience. (5/15/24)

# Classifieds

**221 - HELP WANTED**

**ARE YOU PASSIONATE** about making a positive impact on people's lives? **SIERRA GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT** is currently accepting applications for **BEHAVIOR HEALTH COUNSELOR/MTSS COORDINATOR** for the 2024-2025 School Year. Our school has a reputation as being a great place to work. We currently have a state of the art facility, supportive administration, paid health insurance, free lunches, 4 day school week. A current license/state certification in counseling is highly recommended to apply. Application forms are located at 17523 Hwy 160 Blanca, CO. 81123 or on the district's website at [www.sierragrandeschool.net](http://www.sierragrandeschool.net). Applications may be submitted electronically to Mr. Kevin Jones at [kjones@sierragrandeschool.net](mailto:kjones@sierragrandeschool.net) or Mrs. Maria Atencio at [matencio@sierragrandeschool.net](mailto:matencio@sierragrandeschool.net), or can be turned in at the district office. For more information please contact the district office at 719-379-3259. (5/1/24)

**221 - HELP WANTED**

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**CENTER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 26Jt** is paying years of service and single health insurance benefits. Apply now to become part of our dynamic district as we are now accepting applications for the position of **ELEMENTARY PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER**, for the 2024-2025 School Year. Qualifications; Must hold a valid State of Colorado Teacher's License or, such alternative as the Board of Education may find appropriate and acceptable. Applications can be found on the District Website <https://www.center.k12.co.us/page/employment-opportunities> or contact the District Office at (719) 754-3442. Application Deadline: Until Position is Filled. EOE. (5/15/24)

**221 - HELP WANTED**

**THE CITY OF MONTE VISTA** is accepting applications for a **SEASONAL PARKS MAINTENANCE WORKER**. This position is approximately 16 weeks, 40 hours/wk. Duties include mowing, trimming, watering parks and trash pickup. Wage is \$16.00-\$17.00 per hour. Applications and job description are available at [www.cityofmontevista.colorado.gov](http://www.cityofmontevista.colorado.gov) or pickup/return applications to the City of Monte Vista, Human Resources, 95 West First Ave., Monte Vista, CO. 81144. Open until filled. (5/31/24)

**DEL NORTE BANK** is seeking a candidate to fill a permanent position for a **TELLER** at our **CREEDE BRANCH**. Duties will be to accept deposits, loan payments and process withdrawals while maintaining a balanced cash drawer. Must be personable and pleasant answering the phone and greeting customers. Many other duties will be assigned as needed. The position is full time in the summer and part time in the winter, with an end of season bonus and an hourly rate range of \$14.42 to \$17.00. Please send your resume or application to [postmaster@truelocalbank.com](mailto:postmaster@truelocalbank.com) by April 30, 2024. Application is available at [TrueLocalBank.com/careers](http://TrueLocalBank.com/careers) or call 719-657-3376 and ask for Dawn. EOE. (4/30/24)

**221 - HELP WANTED**

**MONTE VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT** is accepting applications for an **INSTRUCTIONAL COMPUTER/LIBRARY PARAPROFESSIONAL** at **BILL METZ ELEMENTARY** for the 2024-2025 school year. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience is posted on the district website. Monte Vista School District operates on a 4-day week (Monday - Thursday) and offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, HSA match, and life coverage. The salary for this position will be paid from the current MVSD Paraprofessional Salary Schedule, which can be viewed on the district website - Employment Opportunities page. Placement on the salary schedule will be determined by education and experience at time of hire. Applications may be submitted through our online employment application <https://www.pirates.monte.k12.co.us/employmentopportunities>, by April 23, 2024, or until the position is filled. For questions contact the District Administration Office at 719-852-5996. (4/30/24)

**ACCOUNTANT. THE SLV LOCAL FOODS COALITION** seeks an **ACCOUNTANT** to oversee finances for our local nonprofit. Send resume and cover letter to [opportunity.slvlocalfoods@gmail.com](mailto:opportunity.slvlocalfoods@gmail.com). Additional requirements can be found at [www.slvlocalfoods.org/jobs/](http://www.slvlocalfoods.org/jobs/). (5/1/24)

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**MOUNTAIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1** in SAGUACHE is looking for a Highly Qualified K-12 PRINCIPAL. Candidates should have a current Colorado Principal License, have a good working knowledge of all areas of public education, and have a great ambition to help all students and staff in delivering/receiving a high-quality education. Applications are available in person or on our website. All inquiries should be sent to Mr. Stagner at Mountain Valley Schools, 403 Pitkin Ave, Saguache, Colorado 81149. (5/1/24)

**221 - HELP WANTED**

**MECHANIC: JT TIMBER FALLING** is hiring a full-time HEAVY EQUIPMENT & TRUCK MECHANIC in BLANCA, CO. \$25-\$45/hr depending on experience. Monday - Friday schedule. Benefits are available. Call 719-379-4066 or visit [jttimber.com](http://jttimber.com) to apply. (5/8/24)

**ADELANTE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER DATA ANALYST** - Seeking a team oriented person to oversee our data systems to ensure timely and accurate data collection. This person will transform the raw data into program reports, help identify and implement quality improvement of data collection, train new staff on data systems, and provide ongoing data entry support to program staff. This person will oversee the Working Together program reporting requirements and organize the monthly meetings. Salary \$39,000 - \$42,000 DOE plus benefits. Submit cover letter and resume to HR@lapuente.net. (4/30/24)

**CITY OF MONTE VISTA** is accepting applications for KIDS CONNECTION SUMMER PROGRAM LEADERS. Duties include, planning, scheduling, and implementing youth program activities. \$15 per hour. Job Description and applications are available at <http://www.cityofmontevista.colorado.gov> or City of Monte Vista, Human Resources, 95 West First Ave, Monte Vista, Co. 81144. (5/1/24)

**LOOKING FOR YEAR ROUND HELP ON POTATO GRAIN FARM**, starting immediately, contact 719-850-2137. Must have experience around machinery and farming practices. (5/1/24)

**HEAD JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL COACH** needed at DEL NORTE JR. HIGH SCHOOL. Experience as a coach or assistant coach at the MIDDLE SCHOOL and/or HIGH SCHOOL level is preferred. Must possess: effective coaching techniques and a thorough knowledge of the rules of the sport; and have the ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with school administrators, parents, and students. Please contact Gibbs Sanchez, Athletic Director, at: [gsanchez@urtigers.co](mailto:gsanchez@urtigers.co) 719-657-4020; or Annie Hardy, Principal, at: [ahardy@urtigers.co](mailto:ahardy@urtigers.co) 719-657-4020. (5/1/24)

**CAFETERIA STAFF NEEDED** at UPPER RIO GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT. Must have a high school diploma and some knowledge of working in a kitchen or a willingness to be trained. Pay is dependent on prior experience. Please contact Leslie Martinez at 719-657-4040, x1100 or email her at [lmartinez@urtigers.co](mailto:lmartinez@urtigers.co) (5/1/24)

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED** at the UPPER RIO GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT in DEL NORTE! Call or email: Sophia at 719-657-4040, x4000 ([scrz@urtigers.co](mailto:scrz@urtigers.co)) for more information, go on-line: [urtigers.co](http://urtigers.co), or stop by the district office at: 950 French Street, Del Norte, CO to pick up an application. You do not have to hold a college degree or be a certified teacher to substitute; however, you must be a high school graduate and have a substitute license from CDE (Colorado Department of Education). (5/1/24)

**POTATO WAREHOUSE IN CENTER** IN NEED OF WORKERS. There are SEVERAL POSITIONS AVAILABLE. Hours 8:00 am-???. Competitive wages. Please inquire at MOUNTAIN KING SPUD GROWERS, 1090 South Miles Street, Center, CO. (6/5/24)

**SHIPPING CLERK NEEDED** for a POTATO WAREHOUSE in CENTER, CO. Hours are generally 8am-6pm Monday thru Friday, and possibly a few hours Saturday mornings. FAMOUS software experience and knowledge a must. Salary is negotiable. Please inquire at MOUNTAIN KING SPUD GROWERS, 1090 South Miles Street, Center, CO or email resume or application to [tluna@mtknk.com](mailto:tluna@mtknk.com). (6/5/24)

**221 - HELP WANTED**

**DEL NORTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER** needed at the URGSD. We are seeking a hardworking and enthusiastic teaching professional to join our dynamic, vibrant and fun-loving team for the 2024-2025 school year. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree or higher and possess or be able to obtain a Colorado Teaching License. Please submit your application, resume and cover letter to: Amy Duda, Principal at [aduda@urtigers.co](mailto:aduda@urtigers.co) or contact Amy at 719-657-4050. Applications can be picked up at the District Office or online at: [urtigers.co](http://urtigers.co). (4/30/24)

**SKYLINE POTATO CO.** in CENTER, CO is looking for a SHIPPING CLERK/ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR for their bulk division. Applicants must be Bilingual (English/Spanish) and capable of using Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Word and able to learn other computer/shipping programs. Work week consists of Monday-Friday and some Saturdays. Responsibilities will be the following: Weigh in and out incoming trucks, ship out trucks with outgoing product and produce paperwork for the truck, coordinate incoming and outgoing trucks with supervisor and shipping/loading crew, help supervise employees. For an application please contact Margaret Limon @ 719-754-2043. (4/30/24)

**304 - LAWN & GARDEN**

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**307 - APPLIANCES**

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**353 - FARM & LIVESTOCK**

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**601 - APARTMENTS FOR RENT**

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**611 - HOMES FOR RENT**

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  - 4 Beyond
  - 8 Opens the trunk
  - 12 Fire remains
  - 13 Culture medium
  - 14 Ancient Greek coin
  - 15 Ring champ
  - 16 Lariat
  - 17 Juicy fruit
  - 18 Also-ran
  - 20 Like a pretzel
  - 22 — forma
  - 23 Opposite of NNW
  - 24 Respire
  - 28 Lacking sense
  - 32 Lend an —
  - 33 Skeletal part
  - 35 Dye-filled vessel
  - 36 Exist
  - 37 Tractor-trailer
  - 38 From — — Z
- DOWN**
- 1 False god
  - 2 Norway's capital
  - 3 Spoke softly
  - 4 Cockatoo
  - 5 Give it —
  - 6 Plant fluid
  - 7 Length of hair

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 25 Hard to come by
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- 31 Aristocrats' school
- 34 Pinch
- 37 Con game
- 40 Pictures
- 42 Garment part
- 43 Insect egg
- 45 Danger
- 47 Art movement
- 48 "Holy cow!"
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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

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**PREVIOUS SOLUTION**

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**HOW TO PLAY:**  
Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

## HERMAN



"It states quite clearly... 'evening dress.'"

## Husband lashes out amid criticism of bad behavior

DEAR ABBY: My husband rarely says "thank you" and almost never apologizes for anything. The other day, I was at an office party to which family members were not invited. I brought home a plate of food for my husband, for which he refused to thank me when I hinted that a "thanks" might be nice, especially since it was dinnertime.

The office "lunch" had been hours ago, and I had brought nothing for myself. He said because I hadn't come home when I said I would, he didn't feel the need to thank me. When I told him it's common courtesy to thank people, he continued arguing and eventually threw the plate of food across the room. Now he won't apologize for that either. He feels he was justified in throwing the food.

Abby, my husband is a college professor and well-educated, yet he often overlooks common courtesy. He usually walks fast and ahead of me when we're going places. He never says, "You look nice," and he leaves the house without mentioning where he is going. It doesn't concern him that it upsets me, as he is convinced that he is right about everything. The food-throwing is an extreme example of his behavior, but it has me

concerned about his mental health at this point. Advice, please. -- NEVER THANKED IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR NEVER THANKED: Your husband's mental health is fine. What you have described in detail is not new behavior. The professor has been an educated boor for years and is clearly unwilling to change. I would question YOUR judgment for having tolerated his disrespectful behavior for the length of time you have because he has shown you repeatedly that your feelings are of little consequence to him.

DEAR ABBY: My sister lost her husband a year ago. She has three grown children, but she has a fractured relationship with her 30-year-old daughter. I am heartbroken because I have two daughters and I can't imagine what my sister is going through.

My niece was close to her father and has thrown in my sister's face that he was her person and she told him everything. My niece and I have a good relationship, and she confides to me things she does not speak to her mother about.

I am debating whether to speak to my niece to get a sense of what her issue with my sister really



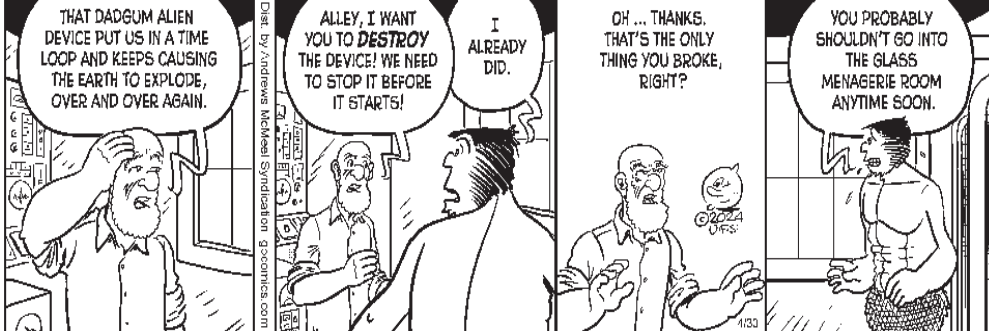
**ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**

is. My niece blames her mother for everything. I'm not sure if trying to help will backfire. Please help. -- INVOLVED AUNT IN CONNECTICUT

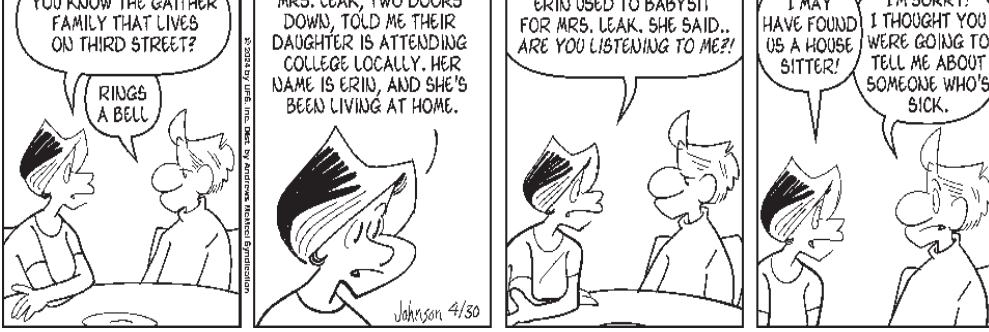
DEAR AUNT: I am sure you mean well, but I don't think it would be helpful to insert yourself as a mediator between your sister and your niece. For whatever reason, your niece felt more comfortable confiding in her late father than in your sister. Stating that fact out loud was not "throwing it in someone's face."

Your relationship with your daughters is clearly different from the one your sister has with hers. Unless you want to alienate your niece, let the two of them work it out.

## ALLEY OOP



## ARLO & JANIS



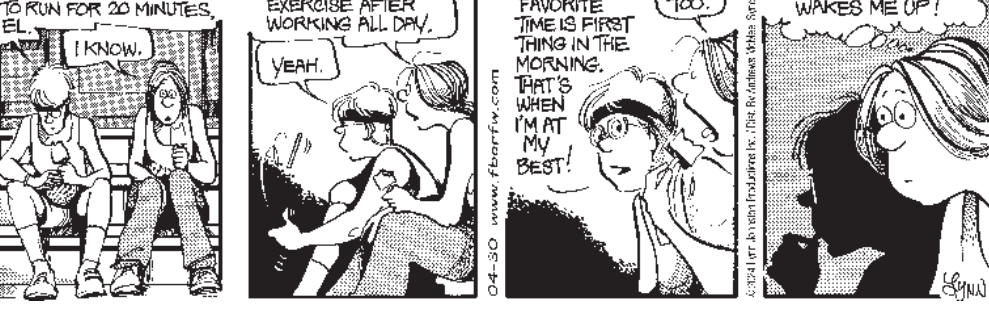
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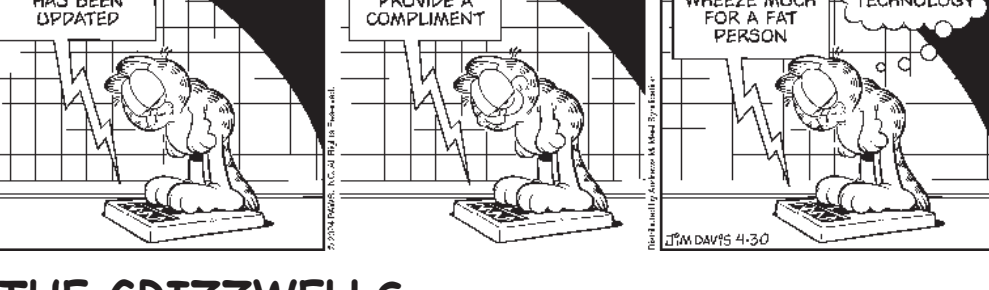
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## GARFIELD



## THE GRIZZWELLS



## PEANUTS

